



BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma

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[Hospital Name]
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Dear Provider,

Effective March 1, 2007, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma (BCBSOK) will begin accepting the new UB-04 billing form, also known as the CMS-1450 form. From March 1 through May 22, 2007, BCBSOK will be able to accept the current UB-92 form and the new UB-04 form. However, effective May 23, 2007, only the UB-04 form will be accepted. Also, effective this date, providers must bill using their National Provider Identifier (NPI).

BCBSOK's adoption of the new UB-04 billing form is as follows:

- **March 1, 2007**– BCBSOK will accept *both* the new UB-04 form *and* the current UB-92 form. If submitting claims on the UB-04 during this time, providers may include their NPI in addition to their BCBSOK provider number.
- **May 23, 2007** – BCBSOK will accept *only* the new UB-04 form with the NPI *only*. The current UB-92 form will no longer be accepted.

For additional information on the UB-04 billing form, please visit the National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) Web site at www.nubc.org. For ongoing information and updates on how BCBSOK is implementing NPI and the new claim forms, please visit our Web site at www.bcbsok.com.

Don't delay! Submit your NPI today! NPI implementation is complex—it will directly impact claims processing. BCBSOK needs your NPI *now* to create crosswalks and facilitate timely payment. **Receipt of your NPI by April 1, 2007, is required in order to prevent reimbursement delays or denials. Claims received on or after April 1 that do not contain the NPI in addition to the BCBSOK provider number will be returned.** If you do not share your NPI with us by this date, we cannot guarantee that your NPI will be loaded into our systems, validated and tested in time to assure timely reimbursements. It is imperative that you submit your NPI to us as soon as possible so that together we may be fully prepared for the May 23, 2007, NPI-only compliance date.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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